

## CLAIMS AMENDMENT

1. (canceled)
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10. (currently amended) A collecting arrangement for a trash container; which utilizes a standard replaceable trash bag, comprising:  
a sweeping ramp composed of firm material, wherein said ramp consists of construction with overlapping sliding material sections allowing width adjustment so as to fit into a variety of different sizes of trash containers; and  
means for mounting said ramp into said trash container opening further comprises consists of spring-loaded expandable bars attached to the underside of said ramp that is positioned to tightly fit against the inner side of said container opening including the bag.
11. (canceled)
12. (currently amended) A collecting arrangement for a trash container; which utilizes a standard replaceable trash bag, comprising:  
a sweeping ramp composed of firm material, wherein said ramp consists of construction with overlapping sliding material sections allowing width adjustment so as to fit into a variety of different sizes of trash containers; and  
means for mounting said ramp into said trash container opening further comprises consists of one or more pawl and ratchet mechanisms on the top underside of said ramp that hold the expanded ramp tightly as they contact the sides of said container opening including the bag.

13. (new) A collecting arrangement for a trash container comprising:
  - a sweeping ramp composed of firm material, wherein said ramp consists of construction with overlapping flat material sections allowing width adjustment so as to fit into a variety of different sizes of trash containers; and
  - a device for mounting said ramp into said trash container opening, wherein said trash container is positioned on a side on a substantially flat plane so that the rear of said ramp significantly contacts said plane allowing sweeping of said trash onto and over said ramp and into said trash bag within said container, and wherein said device consists of a one of more attached combinations of hook and loop fasteners that hold the expanded ramp tightly to the sides of said trash container opening including the bag.